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**Re: Yosemite Creek Superfund Site, San Francisco, CA  
Response to 104(e) Information Request**

Dear Mr. Whitenack,

This letter responds to the U.S. EPA CERCLA 104(e) Request for Information ("RFI"), dated October 15, 2009 and subsequently re-issued on or about March 22, 2011 to "Maxus Energy Corporation" with regard to the Yosemite Creek Superfund site (the "Site"). Subject to both the general and specific objections noted below, and without waiving these or other available objections or privileges, Maxus Energy Corporation submits the following in response to the RFI. The RFI identifies "Maxus Energy Corporation" as the liable company and identifies "Diamond Shamrock" as the generator. Solely for purposes of this response, "Maxus Energy Corporation" and "Diamond Shamrock" are collectively referred to herein as "Respondent".

In responding to the RFI, Respondent has undertaken a diligent and good faith search for, and review of, documents and information in its possession, custody or control and that are relevant to this matter. However, the RFI purports to seek a great deal of information that is not relevant to the Site or alleged contamination at the Site. For example, we understand the basis of the purported connection between Respondent and the former Bay Area Drum State Superfund Site at 1212 Thomas Avenue in San Francisco, California (the "BAD Site"); however, certain RFI questions seek information regarding facilities other than the BAD Site, including *all* facilities in California and *all* facilities outside California that shipped drums or other containers to *any* location in the entire state of California. These other facilities throughout California and the United States have no nexus to the Site. Such questions do not appear to be relevant to the Site; accordingly, Respondent has focused its review on the BAD Site and the Site. If there are other specific facilities which EPA believes may have a nexus to Respondent and the Site, please advise accordingly.

The RFI also defined "COCs" as "any of the contaminants of concern at the Site and includes: lead, zinc, mercury, dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane ("DDT"), chlordane, dieldrin, and polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs")." However, certain RFI requests also seek information regarding hazardous substances more broadly. These requests go beyond the specific chemicals for which EPA purports to have evidence of a release or threatened release to the environment at the Site and are not relevant to the Site pursuant to Section 104(e)(2)(A) of CERCLA; thus Respondent has focused its review of documents and information to the COCs identified by EPA.

As you know, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control ("DTSC") conducted an extensive investigation of the BAD Site and Respondent's operations in connection with it. DTSC's investigation included an information request to Respondent and the DTSC files include Respondent's Response to DTSC's information request, among other documents. We understand that EPA is already in possession of DTSC's files regarding the BAD Site, and to the extent that EPA is not in possession of these files, they should be readily available to EPA.

## **GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

Respondent asserts the following general privileges, protections and objections with respect to the RFI and each information request therein.

1. Respondent asserts all privileges and protections it has in regard to the documents and other information sought by EPA, including the attorney-client privilege, the attorney work product doctrine, all privileges and protections related to materials generated in anticipation of litigation, the settlement communication protection, the confidential business information ("CBI") and trade secret protections, and any other privilege or protection available to it under law.
2. Respondent objects to any requirement to produce documents or information already in the possession of a government agency, including but not limited to DTSC, or already in the public domain. As noted above, DTSC conducted an extensive investigation of the BAD Site and Respondent's operations in connection with it. DTSC's investigation included an information request to Respondent and the DTSC files include Respondent's Response to DTSC's information request. EPA is already in possession of DTSC's files regarding the BAD Site, and to the extent that EPA is not in possession of these files, they should be readily available to EPA. Notwithstanding this objection, and without waiving it, Respondent may produce certain information or documents in its possession, custody, or control that it previously provided to or obtained from government agencies that contain information responsive to the RFI.
3. Respondent objects to Instruction 4 to the extent it seeks to require Respondent, if information responsive to the RFI is not in its possession, custody, or control, to identify any and all persons from whom such information "may be obtained." Respondent is aware of no obligation that it has under Section 104(e) of CERCLA to identify all other persons who may have information responsive to EPA information requests and is not otherwise in a position to identify all such persons who may have such information.

4. Respondent objects to Instruction 5 on the ground that EPA has no authority to impose a continuing obligation on Respondent to supplement these responses. Respondent will, of course, comply with any lawful future requests that are within EPA's authority.
5. Respondent objects to Instruction 6 in that it purports to require Respondent to seek and collect information and documents in the possession, custody or control of individuals not within the custody or control of Respondent. EPA lacks the authority to require Respondent to seek information not in its possession, custody or control.
6. Respondent objects to the RFI's definition of "document" or "documents" in Definition 3 to the extent it extends to documents not in Respondent's possession, custody, or control. Respondent disclaims any responsibility to search for, locate, and provide EPA copies of any documents "known by Respondent to exist" but not in Respondent's possession, custody, or control.
7. Respondent objects to the RFI's definition of "Facility" or "Facilities" in Definition 4 because the terms are overbroad to the extent that they extend to facilities with no connection to either the Site or the BAD Site.
8. Respondent objects to the definition of "identify" in Definition 7 to the extent that the definition encompasses home addresses of natural persons. Subject to this objection, current Respondent employees and any other natural persons are identified by name and corporate address. Respondent requests that any contacts with Respondent employees identified in these responses or the related documents be initiated through the undersigned.
9. Respondent objects to the definition of "you," "Respondent," and "company" in Definition 14 because the terms are overbroad and it is not possible for Respondent to answer questions on behalf of all the persons and entities identified therein. Notwithstanding this objection, and without waiving it, Respondent has undertaken a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control that are responsive to the RFI.

## **RESPONSES TO EPA INFORMATION REQUESTS FOR THE YOSEMITE CREEK SITE**

1. ***Describe generally the nature of the business conducted by Respondent and identify the products manufactured, formulated, or prepared by Respondent throughout its history of operations.***

### **RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome.

Notwithstanding the foregoing and without waiving any objections, it is Respondent's understanding that the DTSC and EPA have identified Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company ("DSCC") as an alleged generator at the BAD Site, and consequently, EPA has identified DSCC as a PRP at the Site.

Maxus Energy Corporation ("Maxus") was first formed in 1983 as a non-operating, stock holding company; it has never operated any chemical plants nor has it ever manufactured, sold or distributed chemicals. Maxus was incorporated on or about July 19, 1983. It was originally named "New Diamond Corporation". Maxus changed its name to "Diamond Shamrock Corporation" on or about September 1, 1983. Maxus changed its name to "Maxus Energy Corporation" on or about April 28, 1987 and has been so named since that time.

Although DSCC and Maxus were both named "Diamond Shamrock Corporation", albeit at different times, they are not the same company. There was another company that was named "Diamond Shamrock Corporation" and this company is the legal predecessor of DSCC; it was involved in the chemicals business and owned and operated chemical plants. This company was originally named Diamond Alkali Company. On or about September 21, 1967 it changed its name to "Diamond Shamrock Corporation" and then changed its name to "Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company" in 1983. Ultimately, on or about November 30, 1987, DSCC was merged into Occidental Chemical Corporation ("OxyChem").

Today, Maxus Energy Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of YPF Holdings, Inc., is located in The Woodlands, Texas. It is principally engaged in oil and gas exploration and production. OxyChem, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Occidental Petroleum Corporation, is located in Dallas, Texas and is principally engaged in the manufacturing, distribution and marketing of chemicals.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, by private contract, Maxus Energy Corporation is representing certain interests of DSCC and OxyChem at the BAD Site and the Site.

**2. Provide the name (or other identifier) and address of any facilities where Respondent carried out operations between 1940 and 1988 (the "Relevant Time Period") and that:**

- a. ever shipped drums or other containers to the BAD Site for recycling, cleaning, reuse, disposal, or sale.
- b. are/were located in California (excluding locations where ONLY clerical/office work was performed);
- c. are/were located outside of California and shipped any drums or other containers to California for recycling, cleaning, reuse, disposal, or sale (for drums and containers that were shipped to California for sale, include in your response only transactions where the drums and containers themselves were an object of the sale, not transactions where the sole object of the sale was useful product contained in a drum or other container).

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. As stated in the RFI, "EPA is seeking to identify parties that have or may have contributed to contamination at the Site." However, in addition to facilities with a connection to the BAD Site, Request No. 2 purports to also seek information regarding *any* facility located in California (excluding locations where ONLY clerical/office work was performed) and *any* facility located outside of California that shipped drums or other containers to *any* location in California, even to locations other than the BAD Site. These other facilities have no nexus with the BAD Site, and thus this request seeks information that is not relevant to the Site.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 2.

**3. *Provide a brief description of the nature of Respondent's operations at each Facility identified in your response to Question 2 (the "Facilities") including:***

- a. the date such operations commenced and concluded; and***
- b. the types of work performed at each location over time, including but not limited to the industrial, chemical, or institutional processes undertaken at each location.***

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. In particular, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing objection, Respondent objects to the request in (b.) that it describe "types of work performed at each location over time . . . ." Without identification by EPA of the types of work it is referring to, it would be virtually impossible, given the broad nature of possible work at various facilities, to describe each and every type of work that was performed at any facility. To the extent that EPA seeks information about facilities that have no nexus with the BAD Site, this request is not relevant to the Site.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, Please refer to Respondent's Response to Request No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 3.

**4. For each Facility, describe the types of records regarding the storage, production, purchasing, and use of Substances of Interest ("SOI") during the Relevant Time Period that still exist and the periods of time covered by each type of record.**

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome to the extent it seeks to require Respondent to describe "types of records." Respondent further objects to Request No. 4 as it purports to seek information relating to hazardous substances beyond the specific chemicals for which EPA purports to have evidence of a release or threatened release to the environment at the Site and that is not relevant to the Site; thus Respondent has focused its review of documents and information to the COCs identified by EPA.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 4.

**5. Did Respondent ever (not just during the Relevant Time Period) produce, purchase, use, or store one of the COCs (including any substances or wastes containing the COCs) at any of the Facilities? State the factual basis for your response.**

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. By removing any temporal limit and any nexus between COCs at Respondent's Facilities and the BAD Site, Request No. 5 purports to seek information that is not relevant to contamination at the Site.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 5.

**6. If the answer to Question 5 is yes, identify each COC produced, purchased, used, or stored at each Facility.**

**RESPONSE:**

See Response to Request No. 5.

**7. If the answer to Question 5 is yes, identify the time period during which each COC was produced, purchased, used, or stored at each Facility.**

**RESPONSE:**

See Response to Request No. 5.

**8. If the answer to Question 5 is yes, identify the average annual quantity of each COC produced, purchased, used, or stored at each Facility.**

**RESPONSE:**

See Response to Request No. 5.

**9. If the answer to Question 5 is yes, identify the volume of each COC disposed by the Facility annually and describe the method and location of disposal.**

**RESPONSE:**

See Response to Request No. 5.

**10. Did Respondent ever (not just during the Relevant Time Period) produce, purchase, use, or store hydraulic oil or transformer oil at any of the Facilities? State the factual basis for your response to this question.**

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. By removing any temporal limit and any nexus between hydraulic fuel or transformer oil at Respondent's Facilities and the BAD Site, Request No. 10 purports to seek information that is not relevant to contamination at the Site.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 10.

**11. If the answer to Question 10 is yes, identify each specific type of hydraulic oil and transformer oil produced, purchased, used, or stored at each Facility.**

**RESPONSE:**

See Response to Request No. 10.

**12. If the answer to Question 10 is yes, identify the time period during which each type of hydraulic oil and transformer oil was produced, purchased, used, or stored.**

**RESPONSE:**

See Response to Request No. 10.

**13. If the answer to Question 10 is yes, identify the average annual quantity of each type hydraulic oil and transformer oil purchased, produced, used, or stored at each Facility.**

**RESPONSE:**

See Response to Request No. 10.

**14. If the answer to Question 10 is yes, identify the volume of each hydraulic oil and transformer oil disposed by the Facility annually and describe the method and location of disposal.**

**RESPONSE:**

See Response to Request No. 10.

**15. Provide the following information for each SOI (SOIs include any substance or waste containing the SOI) identified in your responses to Questions 5 and 10:**

- a. Describe briefly the purpose for which each SOI was used at the Facility. If there was more than one use, describe each use and the time period for each use;**
- b. Identify the supplier(s) of the SOIs and the time period during which they supplied the SOIs, and provide copies of all contracts, service orders, shipping manifests, invoices, receipts, canceled checks and other documents pertaining to the procurement of the SOI;**
- c. State whether the SOIs were delivered to the Facility in bulk or in closed containers, and describe any changes in the method of delivery over time;**
- d. Describe how, where, when, and by whom the containers used to store the SOIs (or in which the SOIs were purchased) were cleaned, removed from the Facility, and/or disposed of, and describe any changes in cleaning, removal, or disposal practices over time.**

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. Request No. 15 purports to seek information relating to Respondent that is not relevant to contamination at the Site.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 15.

**16. For each SOI delivered to the Facilities in closed containers, describe the containers, including but not limited to:**

- a. the type of container (e.g. 55 gal. drum, tote, etc.);**
- b. whether the containers were new or used; and**
- c. if the containers were used, a description of the prior use of the container.**

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. Request No. 16 purports to seek information relating to Respondent that is not relevant to contamination at the Site.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 16.

**17. For each container that Respondent used to store a SOI or in which SOIs were purchased ("Substance-Holding Containers" or "SHCs") that was later removed from the Facility, provide a complete description of where the SHCs were sent and the circumstances under which the SHCs were removed from the Facility. Distinguish between the Relevant Time Period and the time period since 1988, and describe any changes in Respondent's practices over time.**

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. Respondent further objects to Request No. 17 as it assumes that each SHC is somehow individually identified, tracked, and used and reused by the same entity throughout the life of the SHC. To Respondent's knowledge, there is no evidence that BAD operated in this way or that it tracked SHCs for its customers such that this information is available. Accordingly, Request No. 17 purports to seek information that is not relevant or does not exist. Respondent further objects to Request No. 17 as it purports to seek information relating to hazardous substances beyond the specific chemicals for which EPA purports to have evidence of a release or threatened release to the environment at the Site and that is not relevant to the Site; thus Respondent has focused its review of documents and information to the COCs identified by EPA.

Additionally, as stated in the RFI, "EPA is seeking to identify parties that have or may have contributed to contamination at the Site." However, Request No. 17 purports to seek information regarding SHCs that were sent to sites other than the BAD Site. To the extent that EPA seeks information about facilities that have no nexus with the BAD Site, this request is not relevant to the Site.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 17.

**18. For each SHC that was removed from the Facility, describe Respondent's contracts, agreements, or other arrangements under which SHCs were removed from the Facility, and identity all parties to each contract, agreement, or other arrangement described. Distinguish between the Relevant Time Period and the time period since 1988.**

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. As stated in the RFI, "EPA is seeking to identify parties that have or may have contributed to contamination at the Site." However, Request No. 18 purports to seek information regarding SHCs that were sent to sites other than the BAD Site. To the extent that EPA seeks information about facilities that have no nexus with the BAD Site, this request is not relevant to the Site.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 18.

**19. For each SHC, provide a complete explanation regarding the ownership of the SHC prior to delivery, while onsite, and after it was removed from the Facility. Distinguish between the Relevant Time Period and the time period since 1988, and describe any changes in Respondent's practices over time.**

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. Respondent further objects to Request No. 19 as it assumes that each SHC is somehow individually identified, tracked, and used and reused by the same entity throughout the life of the SHC. To Respondent's knowledge, there is no evidence that BAD operated in this way or that it tracked SHCs for its customers such that this information is available. Accordingly, Request No. 19 purports to seek information that is not relevant or does not exist.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, Please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 19.

**20. Identify all individuals who currently have, and those who have had, responsibility for procurement of Materials at the Facilities. Also provide each individual's job title, duties, dates performing those duties, current position or the date of the individual's resignation, and the nature of the information possessed by each individual concerning Respondent's procurement of Materials.**

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. Request No. 20 purports to seek information relating to Respondent that is not relevant to contamination at the Site. Respondent further objects to Request No. 20 as it purports to seek information regarding procurement of "Materials" at facilities other than the BAD Site and thus goes beyond the specific chemicals for which EPA purports to have evidence of a Site release or threatened Site release to the environment.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 20.

**21. Describe how each type of waste containing any SOIs was collected and stored at the Facilities prior to disposal/recycling/sale/transport, including:**

- a. *the type of container in which each type of waste was placed/stored;*
- b. *how frequently each type of waste was removed from the Facility; Distinguish between the Relevant Time Period and the time period since 1988, and describe any changes in Respondent's practices over time.*

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. As stated in the RFI, "EPA is seeking to identify parties that have or may have contributed to contamination at the Site." However, Request No. 21 purports to seek information regarding collection and storage of "any SOIs" at facilities other than the BAD Site. To the extent that EPA seeks information about facilities that have no nexus with the BAD Site, this request is not relevant to the Site.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, Please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 21.

**22. *Describe the containers used to remove each type of waste containing any SOIs from the Facilities, including but not limited to:***

- a. *the type of container (e.g. 55 gal. drum, dumpster, etc.);*
- b. *the colors of the containers;*
- c. *any distinctive stripes or other markings on those containers;*
- d. *any labels or writing on those containers (including the content of those labels);*
- e. *whether those containers were new or used; and*
- f. *if those containers were used, a description of the prior use of the container;*

***Distinguish between the Relevant Time Period and the time period since 1988, and describe any changes in Respondent's practices over time.***

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. Respondent further objects to Request No. 22 as it assumes that each SHC is somehow individually identified, tracked, and used and reused by the same entity throughout the life of the SHC. To Respondent's knowledge, there is no evidence that BAD operated in this way or that it tracked SHCs for its customers such that this information is available. Accordingly, Request No. 22 purports to seek information that is not relevant or does not exist.

As stated in the RFI, "EPA is seeking to identify parties that have or may have contributed to contamination at the Site." Moreover, the RFI defined "COCs" as "any of the contaminants of concern at the Site and includes: lead, zinc, mercury, DDT, chlordane, dieldrin, and PCBs. Respondent further objects to Request No. 22 as it purports to seek information relating to hazardous substances beyond the specific chemicals for which EPA purports to have evidence of a release or threatened release to the environment at the Site and that is not relevant to the Site; thus, Respondent has focused its review of documents and information to the COCs identified by EPA. Additionally, Respondent objects to Request No. 22 as it purports to seek information regarding containers used to remove each type of waste containing any SOIs from the Facilities and taken to *any* other place during *any* time. To the extent that EPA seeks information about facilities that have no nexus with the BAD Site, this request is not relevant to the Site.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, Please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 22.

***23. For each type of waste generated at the Facilities that contained any of the SOIs, describe Respondent's contracts, agreements, or other arrangements for its disposal, treatment, or recycling and identify all parties to each contract, agreement, or other arrangement described. State the ownership of waste containers as specified under each contract, agreement, or other arrangement described and the ultimate destination or use for such containers. Distinguish between the Relevant Time Period and the time period since 1988, and describe any changes in Respondent's practices over time.***

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. As stated in the RFI, "EPA is seeking to identify parties that have or may have contributed to contamination at the Site." Moreover, the RFI defined "COCs" as "any of the contaminants of concern at the Site and includes: lead, zinc, mercury, DDT, chlordane, dieldrin, and PCBs. Respondent further objects to Request No. 23 as it purports to seek information relating to hazardous substances beyond the

specific chemicals for which EPA purports to have evidence of a release or threatened release to the environment at the Site and that is not relevant to the Site; thus, Respondent has focused its review of documents and information to the COCs identified by EPA. Additionally, Respondent objects to Request No. 23 as it purports to seek information regarding waste generated at any Facilities that contained any SOIs and taken to *any* other place during *any* time. To the extent that EPA seeks information about facilities that have no nexus with the BAD Site, this request is not relevant to the Site.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, Please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 23.

***24. Identify all individuals who currently have, and those who have had, responsibility for Respondent's environmental matters (including responsibility for the disposal, treatment, storage, recycling, or sale of Respondent's wastes and SHCs). Provide the job title, duties, dates performing those duties, supervisors for those duties, current position or the date of the individual's resignation, and the nature of the information possessed by such individuals concerning Respondent's waste management.***

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. Identifying all individuals who currently have, and those who have had, responsibility for Respondent's environmental matters at all of Respondent's Facilities, including those that have no nexus to the BAD Site, is not feasible.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 24 relating to the time-period concurrent with operations at the BAD Site. Maxus Energy Corporation's environmental matters are presently managed by Tierra Solutions, Inc., an affiliate of Maxus Energy Corporation. Tierra Solutions, Inc. is located in East Brunswick, New Jersey; Mr. Dave Rabbe is the current President of Tierra Solutions, Inc.

***25. Did Respondent ever purchase drums or other containers from a drum recycler or drum reconditioner? If yes, identify the entities or individuals from which Respondent acquired such drums or containers.***

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. Identifying all drum recyclers or drum re-conditioners from which Respondent has ever acquired such drums or containers, if any at all, is not feasible.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, Please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 25.

**26. Prior to 1988, did Respondent always keep its waste streams that contained SOIs separate from its other waste streams?**

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. Respondent further objects to Request No. 26 as it purports to seek information relating to hazardous substances beyond the specific chemicals for which EPA purports to have evidence of a release or threatened release to the environment at the Site and that is not relevant to the Site; thus, Respondent has focused its review of documents and information to the COCs identified by EPA.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, Please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 26.

**27. Identify all removal and remedial actions conducted pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq., or comparable state law; all corrective actions conducted pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. § 6901 et seq.; and all cleanups conducted pursuant to the Toxic Substances Control Act, 15 U.S.C. § 2601 et seq. where (a) one of the COCs was addressed by the cleanup and (b) at which Respondent paid a portion of cleanup costs or performed work. Provide copies of all correspondence between Respondent and any federal or state government agency that (a) identifies a COC and (b) is related to one of the above-mentioned sites.**

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. As stated in the RFI, "EPA is seeking to identify parties that have or may have contributed to contamination at the Site." However, Request No. 27

purports to seek information regarding a broad range of removal and remedial actions, corrective actions and cleanups. Moreover, identifying all such removal and remedial actions is not feasible. To the extent that EPA seeks information about facilities that have no nexus with the BAD Site, this request is not relevant to the Site. Respondent further objects to Request No. 27 to the extent that EPA is already in possession of the requested documents, and to the extent that EPA is not in possession of these files, they are readily available to EPA.

**28. Provide all records of communication between Respondent and Bay Area Drum Company, Inc.; Meyers Drum Company; A.W. Sorich Bucket and Drum Company; Waymire Drum Company, Inc.; Waymire Drum and Barrel Company, Inc.; Bedini Barrels Inc.; Bedini Steel Drum Corp.; Bedini Drum; or any other person or entity that owned or operated the facility located at 1212 Thomas Avenue, in the City and County of San Francisco, California.**

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. DTSC conducted an extensive investigation of the BAD Site and Respondent's operations in connection with it. DTSC's files include extensive records concerning the Bay Area Drum Company, Inc. and other persons and entities that owned or operated the facility located at 1212 Thomas Avenue, in the City and County of San Francisco, California. Respondent understands that EPA is already in possession of DTSC's files regarding the BAD Site, and to the extent that EPA is not in possession of these files, they are readily available to EPA.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and without any waiver of any objections, please refer to Respondent's Response to Question No. 1. Furthermore, Respondent undertook a diligent and good faith effort to locate and furnish documents and information in its possession, custody, and control and was unable to locate any records or documents which are responsive to Request No. 28.

**29. Identify the time periods regarding which Respondent does not have any records regarding the SOIs that were produced, purchased, used, or stored at the Facilities.**

**RESPONSE:**

In addition to the General Objections set forth above, Respondent objects to this request as overbroad in scope, unauthorized by law to the extent it is overbroad, and unduly burdensome. In responding to the RFI, Respondent has undertaken a diligent and good faith search for, and review of, documents and information in its possession, custody or control and that are relevant to this matter and, except as otherwise provided herein, have been unable to locate any responsive records or documents.

**30. Provide copies of all documents containing information responsive to the previous twenty-nine questions and identify the questions to which each document is responsive.**

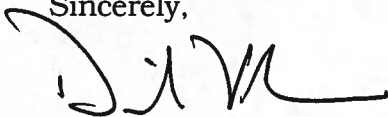
**RESPONSE:**

In responding to the RFI, Respondent has undertaken a diligent and good faith search for, and review of, documents and information in its possession, custody or control and that are relevant to this matter and, except as otherwise provided herein, have been unable to locate any responsive records or documents.

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Should you have any questions or require further information, please direct all inquiries to my attention. I may be reached by phone at 281-681-7255. My email address is [dvallance@maxuscorp.com](mailto:dvallance@maxuscorp.com).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Vallance', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Derrick Vallance  
Assistant General Counsel

Cc: Thanne Cox, U.S. EPA Regional Counsel